

Favorite Apps for Elementary Special Education Students CMTC - November 28, 2012

Voice Dictation, \$.99 – (*App Simo*) – Intermediate Grades

Tap red button to record. Tap again to stop. In drop down box at upper right, tap on Edit Text to check for accuracy. Tap + button to enlarge text. If satisfactory, tap on box with arrow in upper right. Tap Copy. Open up a new document page in Google Docs. Place finger on blank document until magnifying glass appears. Lift finger and tap paste. (Text can also be put into Pages or e-mail, etc.)

Alphabet Tracing, Free – (*Oncilla Technologies, Inc*) – Primary Grades

Select upper case, lower case, or numbers. Animated train, truck, and caterpillar demonstrate how to form letters and numbers.

Cursive Practice, Free – (*Brainstop*) - All Grades

Select upper case, lower case, words, sentences, or numbers. Select width of print and color. Make letters larger or smaller with arrows.

ABC Magic Apps, (by Preschool University): - Primary Grades

Magic Reading, Free (Reading Skill) - Phonemic Awareness.

- Select Blending, Segmenting, or Reading: Select vowels or double consonants.
- In Blending, tap each little box to hear sounds. Guess word. Tap big box to check.
- In Segmenting, tap the picture and guess the sounds. Check.
- In Reading, the letters are displayed. Tap them and guess the word. Check box.
- Level #1 - Three letter words
- Level #2 - Blends
- Level #3 - Long Phonetic Words

ABC Magic, Free - Letter-sound correspondence.

- #1 Displays letter and one picture.
- #2, Letter and 4 pictures.
- #3 Displays 5 pairs to match: picture to picture or letter to picture.
- #4 Find 3, 6, or 9 pictures that match the letters.
- #5 Select number of matches to do and number of squares to choose from. Select Pictures to Letters or vice versa. In Pictures to Letters, drag the picture to the letter. In Letters to Pictures, drag the letter to all the pictures that match. The letter will not stick if not correct. If correct, the letter will dissolve into the picture and the picture will become brighter.
- #6 (Sound Beginnings) Select Option: beginning sound, middle sound, or ending sound. Select number of choices to be presented. Choose number of matches to do. Choose pictures to letters, or letters to pictures.
- #7 Memory Match – Concentration game. Match letter sounds or pictures.
- #8 Memory Match – Concentration. Match letters to sounds. Or sounds-sounds.

Sentence Magic – Read short sentences or phrases.

Select Sentence Building or Sentence Reading. Select 2 words or 3 words.

In Sentence Building, tap the box to hear the phrase or sentence. Move the words to the correct spot.

In Sentence Reading, read the phrase and then tap the box to see the picture and hear the words. Tap the word tile to hear the word, if needed.

Spelling Magic, Free - Phonetic Spelling

Select Word Jumble or Moveable Alphabet. Select specific vowel sounds or double consonants. In Word Jumble, only letters needed are provided. In Moveable Alphabet, entire alphabet is provided. Tap the picture to hear word to spell. Drag letters to match the picture.

Spelling Magic 1 – 3 letter words

Spelling Magic 2 – Consonant blends

Spelling Magic 3 – Long Phonetic Words

Montessori Crosswords, \$2.99* (*L'Escapadou*) - Primary Grades

Phonetic Spelling

Select 3 Sounds, Consonant Blends, Focus on One Sound, or Moveable Alphabet (where you create your own words.) Picture and empty boxes for letters are displayed. Tap the boxes to hear the sound for each. Drag letters from the alphabet. Tap question mark to see correct spelling, if necessary. Look at the upper right to see the number of words completed. Reset this under “more settings.”

Consonant Blends gives the option to choose two words that intersect – “Crosswords.”

Go to Settings to select cursive, lower case, or capital letters. More Settings gives control over animation. (If animations is set to “unlimited but no interaction, it can be stopped with just a tap). Other options are provided for enabling phonics and fine-tuning letter sounds /l/ and /r/. Q sound can be turned off, as it is not accurate.

Word Wizard, \$2.99 , (*L'Escapadou*) – All Grades

Spell CVC words, Sight Words, or make your own List.

Select Moveable Alphabet (for free play with spelling) or Spelling Quizzes.

In Spelling Quizzes select from Built-in Lists or My Lists.

In Built-in Lists, follow the arrow to the right to select and view words. Tap “Use list.”

To Set up My Lists: Tap + and enter a title. Then type in words, separated by a comma. Tap Save. To use My Lists, tap “View/Edit”, then “Use list.”

Settings can be accessed when in Spelling Quizzes, or in moveable alphabet. Options are provided for voice, letter exceptions, animations, etc.

Pros: Ability to individualize list for practice. Also, practice with Dolch and High Frequency Words.

Cons: Voice is a bit robotic. L sounds like /v/.

All Sight Words, \$.99 (*Sai Services*)– Primary Grades

Corresponds to Dolch List through 3rd grade, plus nouns.

Select level from List. Say the word. Tap word to check. If word is unknown or not automatic, tap the red flag. When finished, go to Main Menu and tap on red flag to see problem words. Go to Options (in lower right corner) to clear flagged words.

Kids Learn Sight Words 1-300, \$8.99 – (*Teacher Created Materials*) – All Grades

Spell Words from Dr. Fry’s Instant Words List.

Multi-sensory approach. Read the word. Tap the word to hear it. Write the word with your finger. Record yourself spelling and pronouncing the word. After every five words use the words in a reinforcing activity.

Math Magic, \$.99 –(*Anusen, Inc.*) – All Grades

Addition and subtraction practice.

Answer the addition or subtraction problem by tapping the correct number. For answers up to 20, tap on the wand to see pictures to count. Settings is on bottom right corner.

Adjust for skill level. Keep maximum number 10 or less if you want visual cues.

Multiplication and division options are also available, but without cues.

Math Drills \$1.99 – (or Free, for one student) (*Instant Interactive*) - All Grades

Practice math facts, all operations

Keeps data on up to 10 students. Fine-tune settings for each student.

To add students, tap on student icon in bottom row. There is a student icon in upper left, with “Add and Edit” box below. Tap on “Add” and Type in the name. Tap done.

To see list of all students, tap on student icon (upper left). Choose a student. Go to Settings. Small boxes, on left and across top, control large box in center.

-“Appearance” – Choose Arrangement as vertical, horizontal, or mixed.

-“Reviews assistants” – Choose number line, blocks, facts, or answer choices for cues.

-“Sounds” – Choose on or off.

-“Answers” - Choose Numbers (for the answer), Operators (plus, minus, times, division), or Comparators (greater than, less than, equal).

-“100 Problem Counts” – Set the number of problems student should do for review, practice, and test.

- “Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, or Division” – Choose one, then select sets of facts to practice, or set customize for individual facts.

To return to home page, tap on “Drills” in bottom row. Choose Review, Practice , or Test. Choose operation and begin. Errors may be corrected in the “Pit Stop.”

Example:

For basic multiplication facts practice, choose multiplication symbol at top.

I prefer to choose numbers under “Answers” and number line under “Reviews.”

To customize tables for multiplication, tap “Multiplication tables” in large box. Tap Edit.

Select tables to use. Tap Done. Adjust “Multipliers” and “to 12” with + and – signs.

To customize facts for multiplication: Tap on Customize. Use arrows to move to each fact needed. Tap Toggle to insert product. When all products have been entered, tap “Done.” There does not seem to be a way to delete all customized facts at a time. So, use arrows to move to product you want to remove, and tap toggle, so number disappears. Tap done. There always seems to be one number left that won’t go away, however.

Hundreds Chart, Hands on Math, \$1.99 – (*Ventura Educational Systems*), Primary Number Order and Patterns

Read User’s Guide (i) for suggestions. Practice even, odd, skip counting, numbers before and after, counting on, 10 more, 10 less, etc. Choose color and mark to use. Erase whole board with eraser, or just slide marks off the board, one by one.

Telling Time HD, \$2.99 –(*My Turn Mobile*) – All Grades

Learn to read an analog clock.

Choose an activity and a level.

Free play – Set the time and push the “Say time” button to hear the time.

Which Time? Choose the clock that matches the time stated.

Set the clock – Drag the hands to set the time to a specific time.

Elapsed time – The hardest level asks for both time ahead and past.

My Piggy Bank, \$1.99 (*Learning Gems*) - Primary Grades

Learn coin names and values.

Eight levels from identifying coins to counting up to a given amount.

Pizza Fractions, 1, Free – (*Brian West*) - Intermediate Grades

Identify the fractional part of the pizza that is left.

Pizza Fractions 2, \$.99

Reduce fractions to simplest terms.

Tap the arrow to peek at another way to see visualize the fraction.

Pizza Fractions, 3, \$.99

Compare fractions

Select greater than, less than, or equal sign to compare fractions.

Take a peek to see what each fraction looks like.

Chicken Coop Fractions, Free – (*Lumpty Learning*) - Intermediate Grades

Compare fractions to decimals.

Estimate where fractions would fall on a number line.

Choose level. Slide the nest along the decimal line to come close to the fraction shown.

If you miss, the eggs go splat!

United States Puzzle Map, \$1.99 - (*Jenny Sun*) - All Grades

Drag the states to their correct place on the map. Three levels have increasing difficulty.

You may also want to check out:

Bob Books 1 & 2, \$3.99 (Lite is Free.) – (*Learning Touch*) - Primary Grades
Short sentences for the earliest readers. Consonant-vowel-consonant words, with animations.

Motion Math: Hungry Fish, Free - (*Motion Math*) - Primary Grades
Combine numbers to match the number on the fish, so he will eat them.

Ace Math, Free (Watch out for ads!) – (*Brain Counts*) - Primary Grades
Several apps are available in various operations.
Useful for beginning levels as pictures are usually shown.

Multiplication+ (Training) Free - (Delete ad.) - (*The App Gate, Inc*) - Intermediate
Select the table to practice. Keeps score with percentage correct for each fact.

Times Table+, Free - (*The App Gate, Inc*) - Intermediate Grades
Play with this table. See how many answers you can get right.. Skip Count.

Math Snacks HD , Free – (*Learning Games Lab, NM State University*) - Intermediate
Math concepts – Ratio; scale factor; fractions, decimals and negative numbers on a number line; converting measurements using ratios and proportions. Includes pdf versions of Learner’s Guide, Comic Book Transcript, and Teacher’s Guide. Designed to teach math concepts to students who are not necessarily interested in math. Very funny!

Khan Academy, Free, - Intermediate Grades
Excellent tutorials on many subjects.
Over 3,500 videos: math, science, finance, humanities, etc.

Lobster Diver, Free – (*Learning Games Lab, NM State University*) - Primary Grades
Number line 1 to 10
Estimate where the diver needs to dive to match a number. Tap the spot and watch him dive. Will he get a lobster or an old shoe? Watch out for the eels!

Montessori Place Value, \$2.99 Composing and Decomposing Numbers – All Grades
Slide numbers in each place to create the number asked for. Use in conjunction with base ten blocks and/or “What’s my Place, What’s my Value?”

Motion Math Zoom, Free (or upgrade) – (*Motion Math*) - All Grades
Number Line
Locate the spot on the number line where the number in the bubble needs to go.
Zoom the number line in and out to show ones, tens, hundreds, thousands. Decimals are included.

Splash Math, Grades 1-5, Free – (*StudyPad, Inc.*) - All Grades
Place Value

Various questions. Grades 1 and 2 read the problems to you.

Make Change, \$1.99 –(*Steven Romej*) – All Grades

Counting Money

Slide the coins to the lower counter to make the amount called for.

Mini Adventures - Animals, \$.99 –(*Innovative Mobile Apps*) – All Grades

Overview of Different Animals

This provides a good introduction for an animal research project.

Look for icon with 4 little squares to take you to the index page. Choose an animal to investigate. There may be several photos. Tap on the You Tube video. Some videos are very informative, some are not.

Letter Reflex, \$2.99 - All Grades

Claims to overcome reversals. (Has potential)

Two levels: Learn and Practice.

Practice: Distinguish left and right. Roll a ball to the letter called for: b, d, p, or q.

As the levels increase in difficulty, watch out for the holes!

Practice: Letter and word discrimination.

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